

**ON THE FORCED IMPULSIVE OSCILLATORY NONLINEAR  
NEUTRAL SYSTEMS OF THE SECOND ORDER\***

**ПРО КОЛИВАЛЬНІ НЕЛІНІЙНІ НЕЙТРАЛЬНІ СИСТЕМИ ДРУГОГО РОДУ  
ПРИ ІМПУЛЬСНІЙ ДІЇ**

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We study the oscillatory and nonoscillatory behavior of solutions for a class of forced impulsive nonlinear neutral differential systems of the form

$$\begin{cases} (r(t)(y(t) + p(t)y(t - \tau)))' + q(t)G(y(t - \sigma)) = f(t), & t \neq \tau_k, \quad k \in \mathbb{N}, \\ \Delta(r(\tau_k)(y(\tau_k) + p(\tau_k)y(\tau_k - \tau)))' + h(\tau_k)G(y(\tau_k - \sigma)) = g(\tau_k), & k \in \mathbb{N}, \end{cases}$$

for various ranges of values of  $p(t)$ . Sufficient conditions for the existence of positive bounded solutions of this system are also obtained.

Вивчено осцилюючу та неосцилюючу поведінку розв'язків для одного класу нелінійних нейтральних диференціальних систем із імпульсною дією вигляду

$$\begin{cases} (r(t)(y(t) + p(t)y(t - \tau)))' + q(t)G(y(t - \sigma)) = f(t), & t \neq \tau_k, \quad k \in \mathbb{N}, \\ \Delta(r(\tau_k)(y(\tau_k) + p(\tau_k)y(\tau_k - \tau)))' + h(\tau_k)G(y(\tau_k - \sigma)) = g(\tau_k), & k \in \mathbb{N}, \end{cases}$$

для різних областей значень  $p(t)$ . Також одержано достатні умови існування додатних обмежених розв'язків цієї системи.

**1. Introduction.** Consider a second order forced impulsive differential system of the form

$$\begin{cases} (r(t)(y(t) + p(t)y(t - \tau)))' + q(t)G(y(t - \sigma)) = f(t), & t \neq \tau_k, \quad k \in \mathbb{N}, \\ \Delta(r(\tau_k)(y(\tau_k) + p(\tau_k)y(\tau_k - \tau)))' + h(\tau_k)G(y(\tau_k - \sigma)) = g(\tau_k), & k \in \mathbb{N}, \end{cases} \quad (\text{E})$$

where  $\tau > 0$ ,  $\sigma \geq 0$  are real constants,  $G \in C(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R})$  is nondecreasing such that  $xG(x) > 0$  for  $x \neq 0$ ,  $q, r, h \in C(\mathbb{R}_+, \mathbb{R}_+)$ ,  $p \in PC(\mathbb{R}_+, \mathbb{R})$ ,  $p(\tau_k)$ ,  $r(\tau_k)$ ,  $q(\tau_k)$  and  $h(\tau_k)$  are constants ( $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ),  $\tau_k$  for  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $\tau_1 < \tau_2 < \dots < \tau_k < \dots$  and  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \tau_k = \infty$  are fixed moments of

impulsive effect, and  $f, g \in C(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R})$ . For (E),  $\Delta$  is the difference operator defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta(r(\tau_k)(z'(\tau_k))) &= r(\tau_k + 0)z'(\tau_k + 0) - r(\tau_k - 0)z'(\tau_k - 0), \\ y(\tau_k - 0) &= y(\tau_k) \quad \text{and} \quad y(\tau_k - \tau - 0) = y(\tau_k - \tau), \quad k \in \mathbb{N}. \end{aligned}$$

The objective of this work is to establish the sufficient conditions for oscillation and nonoscillation of solutions of the impulsive system (E) for various ranges of  $p(t)$ . Here, we are concerned with the oscillating system which remains oscillating after being perturbed by the instantaneous change of state.

Impulsive differential equations are now recognized as an excellent source of models to simulate processes and phenomena observed in theoretical physics, chemical technology, population dynamics, industrial robotic, economics, rhythmical beating, merging of solutions and non-continuity of solutions. Moreover, the theory of impulsive differential equations is emerging as an important area of investigation, since it is much richer than the corresponding theory of differential equations without impulse effect. Due to the wide range application of this theory to the real world problems, a good number of interests has been given to this study. We refer the readers to the monographs [1–6], where a number of properties of their solutions are discussed and the references cited there in. Our aim in this work is to discuss some oscillation properties and existence of positive bounded solutions of the impulsive system (E).

In [7], Tripathy has considered the impulsive system

$$\begin{cases} (y(t) + p(t)y(t - \tau))' + q(t)G(y(t - \sigma)) = 0, & t \neq \tau_k, \quad k \in \mathbb{N}, \\ \Delta(y(\tau_k) + p(\tau_k)y(\tau_k - \tau)) + q(\tau_k)G(y(\tau_k - \sigma)) = 0, & k \in \mathbb{N}, \end{cases} \quad (\text{E}_1)$$

and studied the oscillatory character of the solutions of the system. For all ranges of  $p(t)$ , he has established the oscillation criteria for the impulsive system (E<sub>1</sub>) which is highly nonlinear but,  $G$  could be linear, sublinear or superlinear also. In [8], Tripathy and Santra have studied the characterization of the impulsive system

$$\begin{cases} (y(t) - ry(t - \tau))' + qy(t - \sigma) = 0, & t \neq \tau_k, \quad k \in \mathbb{N}, \\ \Delta(y(\tau_k) - ry(\tau_k - \tau)) + py(\tau_k - \sigma) = 0, & k \in \mathbb{N}, \end{cases} \quad (\text{E}_2)$$

and linearized oscillation of the system

$$\begin{cases} (y(t) - r(t)g(y(t - \tau)))' + q(t)f(y(t - \sigma)) = 0, & t \neq \tau_k, \quad k \in \mathbb{N}, \\ \Delta(y(\tau_k) - r(\tau_k)g(y(\tau_k - \tau))) + p(\tau_k)f(y(\tau_k - \sigma)) = 0, & k \in \mathbb{N}. \end{cases} \quad (\text{E}_3)$$

They have established the conditions for oscillation of the system (E<sub>2</sub>) using the pulsatile constant and hence the linearized oscillation results carried out for (E<sub>3</sub>) by using its limiting equations (E<sub>2</sub>). In another work [9], Tripathy and Santra have established sufficient conditions for oscillation of all solutions and existence of nonoscillating solutions to impulsive equation

$$\begin{cases} (r(t)(y(t) + p(t)y(t - \tau)))' + q(t)G(y(t - \sigma)) = 0, & t \neq \tau_k, \quad k \in \mathbb{N}, \\ \Delta(r(\tau_k)(y(\tau_k) + p(\tau_k)y(\tau_k - \tau))) + q(\tau_k)G(y(\tau_k - \sigma)) = 0, & k \in \mathbb{N}, \end{cases} \quad (\text{E}_4)$$

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for various ranges of  $p(t)$ . However nothing is known about (E). If  $f(t) \equiv 0$  then (E) is reduces to  $(E_4)$  (see, for example, [7, 9]). If  $f(t) \not\equiv 0$  then (E) is more general than  $(E_4)$ . Of course, the method which is employed for (E) and  $(E_4)$ , we find small difference in the technique. Altogether, (E) can be handled by method of  $(E_4)$ . We may note that this type of work is very rare in the literature signifying that the impulse of the differential equation follows a discrete type equation. In this direction, we refer the reader to some of the related works [10–33] and the references cited there in.

A function  $y: [-\rho, +\infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is said to be a solution of (E) with initial function  $\phi \in C([-\rho, 0], \mathbb{R})$ , if  $y(t) = \phi(t)$  for  $t \in [-\rho, 0]$ ,  $y \in PC(\mathbb{R}_+, \mathbb{R})$ ,  $z(t) = y(t) + p(t)y(t - \tau)$  and  $r(t)z'(t)$  are continuously differentiable for  $t \in \mathbb{R}_+$ , and  $y(t)$  satisfies (E) for all sufficiently large  $t \geq 0$ , where  $\rho = \max\{\tau, \sigma\}$  and  $PC(\mathbb{R}_+, \mathbb{R})$  is the set of all functions  $U: \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  which are continuous for  $t \in \mathbb{R}_+$ ,  $t \neq \tau_k$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , continuous from the left side for  $t \in \mathbb{R}_+$ , and have discontinuity of the first kind at the points  $\tau_k \in \mathbb{R}_+$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ .

A nontrivial solution  $y(t)$  of (E) is said to be nonoscillatory, if it is either eventually positive or eventually negative; Otherwise, it is called oscillatory.

A solution  $y(t)$  of (E) is said to be regular, if it is defined on some interval  $[T_y, +\infty) \subset [t_0, +\infty)$  and

$$\sup \{|y(t)| : t \geq T_y\} > 0$$

for every  $T_y \geq T$ . A regular solution  $y(t)$  of (E) is said to be eventually positive (eventually negative), if there exists  $t_1 > 0$  such that  $y(t) > 0$  ( $y(t) < 0$ ) for  $t \geq t_1$ .

**2. Sufficient Conditions for Oscillation.** In this section, we discuss the oscillatory behaviour of solutions of the impulsive system (E). In the sequel, we use the following assumption:

$(A_0)$  Suppose there exists  $F \in C(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R})$  such that  $(r(t)F'(t)) \in C(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R})$  and  $F(t)$  is a solution of  $(r(t)F'(t))' = f(t)$  and  $\Delta(r(\tau_k)F'(\tau_k)) = g(\tau_k)$ . In addition, we assume that  $F(t)$  changes sign with  $-\infty < \liminf_{t \rightarrow \infty} F(t) < 0 < \limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} F(t) < \infty$ .

**Theorem 2.1.** Let  $0 \leq p(t) \leq a < \infty$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{R}_+$ , and  $(A_0)$  hold. Assume that:

$(A_1)$  there exists  $\lambda > 0$  such that  $G(u) + G(v) \geq \lambda G(u + v)$  for  $u, v > 0$ ;

$(A_2)$   $G(uv) \leq G(u)G(v)$  for  $u, v \in \mathbb{R}_+$ ;

$(A_3)$   $G(-u) = -G(u)$  for  $u, v \in \mathbb{R}_+$ ;

$(A_4)$   $F^+(t) = \max\{F(t), 0\}$  and  $F^-(t) = \max\{-F(t), 0\}$ ;

$(A_5)$   $\int_0^\infty \frac{d\eta}{r(\eta)} + \sum_{k=1}^\infty \frac{1}{r(\tau_k)} = \infty$ ;

$(A_6)$   $\int_T^\infty Q(\eta)G(F^+(\eta - \sigma))d\eta + \sum_{k=1}^\infty H_k G(F^+(\tau_k - \sigma)) = \infty$ ,  $T > 0$ ,

and

$(A_7)$   $\int_T^\infty Q(\eta)G(F^-(\eta - \sigma))d\eta + \sum_{k=1}^\infty H_k G(F^-(\tau_k - \sigma)) = \infty$ ,  $T > 0$ ,

hold, where  $Q(t) = \min\{q(t), q(t - \tau)\}$ ,  $t \geq \tau$ , and  $H_k = \min\{h(\tau_k), h(\tau_k - \tau)\}$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then every regular solution of the system (E) oscillates.

**Proof.** Let  $y(t)$  be a regular solution of (E). For the sake of contradiction, let the regular solution be nonoscillatory. So there exists  $t_0 > \rho$  such that  $y(t) > 0$ ,  $y(t - \tau) > 0$  and  $y(t - \sigma) > 0$  for  $t \geq t_0$ . Setting

$$\begin{aligned} z(t) &= y(t) + p(t)y(t - \tau), \quad t \neq \tau_k, \quad k \in \mathbb{N}, \\ z(\tau_k) &= y(\tau_k) + p(\tau_k)y(\tau_k - \tau), \quad k \in \mathbb{N}, \end{aligned} \tag{2.1}$$

and

$$w(t) = z(t) - F(t), \quad w(\tau_k) = z(\tau_k) - F(\tau_k) \tag{2.2}$$

due to (A<sub>0</sub>), it follows from (E) that

$$(r(t)w'(t))' = -q(t)G(y(t - \sigma)) \leq 0, \quad t \neq \tau_k, \quad k \in \mathbb{N}, \tag{2.3}$$

$$\Delta(r(\tau_k)w(\tau_k))' = -h(\tau_k)G(y(\tau_k - \sigma)) \leq 0, \quad k \in \mathbb{N}, \tag{2.4}$$

for  $t \geq t_1 > t_0 + \sigma$ . Consequently,  $(r(t)w'(t))$  is nonincreasing and  $w'(t)$ ,  $w(t)$  are of either eventually positive or eventually negative on  $[t_2, \infty)$ ,  $t_2 > t_1$ . Since  $z(t) > 0$ , then  $w(t) < 0$  for  $t \geq t_2$  implies that  $F(t) > 0$  for  $t \geq t_2$  which is absurd. Hence,  $w(t) > 0$  for  $t \geq t_2$ . In what follows, we consider the cases  $(r(t)w'(t)) < 0$  or  $> 0$  for  $t \geq t_2$ . Let the former hold for  $t \geq t_2$ . So, there exist  $C > 0$  and  $t_3 > t_2$  such that  $(r(t)w'(t)) \leq -C$  for  $t \geq t_3$ . Ultimately,  $(r(\tau_k)w'(\tau_k)) \leq -C$ . Integrating the relation  $w'(t) \leq -\frac{C}{r(t)}$ ,  $t \geq t_3$ , from  $t_3$  to  $t(> t_3)$ , we obtain

$$w(t) - w(t_3) - \sum_{t_3 \leq \tau_k < t} w'(\tau_k) \leq -C \int_{t_3}^t \frac{d\eta}{r(\eta)},$$

that is,

$$w(t) \leq w(t_3) - C \left[ \int_{t_3}^t \frac{d\eta}{r(\eta)} + \sum_{t_3 \leq \tau_k < t} \frac{1}{r(\tau_k)} \right] \rightarrow -\infty \quad \text{as } t \rightarrow \infty,$$

a contradiction to the fact that  $w(t) > 0$  for  $t \geq t_2$ . Hence,  $(r(t)w'(t)) > 0$  for  $t \geq t_2$ . Ultimately,  $z(t) > F(t)$  and hence  $z(t) > \max\{0, F(t)\} = F^+(t)$  for  $t \geq t_2$ . Due to (2.1)–(2.3) becomes

$$0 = (r(t)w'(t))' + q(t)G(y(t - \sigma)) + G(a)[(r(t - \tau)w'(t - \tau))' + q(t - \tau)G(y(t - \tau - \sigma))]$$

for  $t \geq t_2$  and because of (A<sub>1</sub>) and (A<sub>2</sub>), we find that

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\geq (r(t)w'(t))' + G(a)(r(t - \tau)w'(t - \tau))' + Q(t)[G(y(t - \sigma)) + G(ay(t - \tau - \sigma))] \geq \\ &\geq (r(t)w'(t))' + G(a)(r(t - \tau)w'(t - \tau))' + \lambda Q(t)G(z(t - \sigma)) \end{aligned} \tag{2.5}$$

for  $t \geq t_3 > t_2 + \sigma$ . Similarly, from (2.4), we obtain

$$0 \geq \Delta(r(\tau_k)w'(\tau_k)) + G(a)\Delta(r(\tau_k - \tau)w'(\tau_k - \tau)) + \lambda H_k G(z(\tau_k - \sigma)) \tag{2.6}$$

for  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Integrating (2.5) from  $t_3$  to  $+\infty$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda \int_{t_3}^{\infty} Q(\eta)G(z(\eta - \sigma))d\eta &\leq -[r(\eta)w'(\eta) + G(a)(r(\eta - \tau)w'(\eta - \tau))]_{t_3}^{\infty} + \\ &\quad + \sum_{t_3 \leq \tau_k < \infty} \Delta[r(\tau_k)w'(\tau_k) + G(a)(r(\tau_k - \tau)w'(\tau_k - \tau))] \leq \\ &\leq -[r(\eta)w'(\eta) + G(a)(r(\eta - \tau)w'(\eta - \tau))]_{t_3}^{\infty} - \\ &\quad - \lambda \sum_{t_3 \leq \tau_k < \infty} H_k G(z(\tau_k - \sigma)) \end{aligned}$$

due to (2.6). Since  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} (r(t)w'(t))$  exists, then the above inequality becomes

$$\lambda \left[ \int_{t_3}^{\infty} Q(\eta)G(z(\eta - \sigma))d\eta + \sum_{t_3 \leq \tau_k < \infty} H_k G(z(\tau_k - \sigma)) \right] < \infty,$$

that is,

$$\lambda \left[ \int_{t_3}^{\infty} Q(\eta)G(F^+(\eta - \sigma))d\eta + \sum_{t_3 \leq \tau_k < \infty} H_k G(F^+(\tau_k - \sigma)) \right] < \infty$$

which contradicts (A<sub>6</sub>).

If  $y(t) < 0$  for  $t \geq t_0$ , then we set  $x(t) = -y(t)$  for  $t \geq t_0$  in (E) and we obtain that

$$\begin{cases} (r(t)(x(t) + p(t)x(t - \tau)))' + q(t)G(x(t - \sigma)) = \tilde{f}(t), & t \neq \tau_k, \quad k \in \mathbb{N}, \\ \Delta(r(\tau_k)(x(\tau_k) + p(\tau_k)x(\tau_k - \tau)))' + h(\tau_k)G(x(\tau_k - \sigma)) = \tilde{g}(\tau_k), & k \in \mathbb{N}, \end{cases} \quad (\tilde{E})$$

where  $\tilde{f}(t) = -f(t)$ ,  $\tilde{g}(\tau_k) = -g(\tau_k)$  due to (A<sub>3</sub>). Let  $\tilde{F}(t) = -F(t)$ . Then

$$-\infty < \liminf_{t \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{F}(t) < 0 < \limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{F}(t) < \infty$$

and  $(r(t)\tilde{F}'(t))' = \tilde{f}(t)$ ,  $\Delta(r(\tau_k)\tilde{F}'(\tau_k)) = \tilde{g}(\tau_k)$  hold. Proceeding as above for  $(\tilde{E})$ , we can find a contradiction to (A<sub>7</sub>). Thus, the proof of the theorem is complete.

**Theorem 2.2.** Let  $-1 \leq p(t) \leq 0$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{R}_+$ . Assume that (A<sub>0</sub>) and (A<sub>3</sub>)–(A<sub>5</sub>) hold. If any one of the following conditions:

$$(A_8) \int_T^{\infty} q(\eta)G(F^+(\eta - \sigma))d\eta + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} h(\tau_k)G(F^+(\tau_k - \sigma)) = \infty, \quad T > 0;$$

$$(A_9) \int_T^{\infty} q(\eta)G(F^-(\eta + \tau - \sigma))d\eta + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} h(\tau_k)G(F^-(\tau_k + \tau - \sigma)) = \infty, \quad T > 0;$$

$$(A_{10}) \int_T^{\infty} q(\eta)G(F^-(\eta - \sigma))d\eta + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} h(\tau_k)G(F^-(\tau_k - \sigma)) = \infty, \quad T > 0;$$

$$(A_{11}) \int_T^{\infty} q(\eta)G(F^+(\eta + \tau - \sigma))d\eta + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} h(\tau_k)G(F^+(\tau_k + \tau - \sigma)) = \infty, \quad T > 0,$$

hold, then every regular solution of (E) oscillates.

**Proof.** On the contrary, we proceed as in the proof of the Theorem 2.1 to conclude that  $w(t)$  and  $(r(t)w'(t))$  are of either eventually positive or eventually negative on  $[t_2, \infty)$ . Assume that  $w'(t) < 0$  for  $t \geq t_2$ . Then as in Theorem 2.1, we find that  $w(t) < 0$  and  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} w(t) = -\infty$ . So, there exists  $t_3 > t_2$  such that  $z(t) < F(t)$  for  $t \geq t_3$ . If  $z(t) > 0$ , then  $F(t) > 0$  which is not possible. Hence,  $z(t) < 0$  and  $z(t) < F(t)$  for  $t \geq t_3$ . On the other hand,  $z(t) < 0$  for  $t \geq t_3$  implies that

$$y(t) \leq -p(t)y(t - \tau) \leq y(t - \tau) \leq y(t - 2\tau) \leq \dots \leq y(t_3), \quad t \neq \tau_k,$$

and also

$$y(\tau_k) \leq y(\tau_k - \tau) \leq \dots \leq y(t_3), \quad t \neq \tau_k, \quad k \in \mathbb{N},$$

that is,  $y(t)$  is bounded on  $[t_3, \infty)$ . Consequently,  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} w(t)$  exists, a contradiction. Therefore,  $w'(t) > 0$  for  $t \geq t_2$ . Here we consider the cases:  $w(t) < 0$ ,  $(r(t)w'(t)) > 0$  and  $w(t) > 0$ ,  $(r(t)w'(t)) > 0$  on  $[t_3, \infty)$ ,  $t_3 > t_2$ . With the former case  $w(t) < 0$ , we get  $z(t) < F(t)$  of course

$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} (r(t)w'(t))$  exists. If  $z(t) > 0$  then  $F(t) > 0$ , a contradiction. Hence,  $z(t) < 0$ . Clearly,  $-z(t) > -F(t)$  implies that  $-z(t) > \max\{0, -F(t)\} = F^-(t)$ . Therefore, for  $t \geq t_3$

$$-y(t - \tau) \leq p(t)y(t - \tau) \leq z(t) < -F^-(t),$$

that is,  $y(t - \sigma) > F^-(t + \tau - \sigma)$ ,  $t \geq t_4 > t_3$ , and (2.3), (2.4) reduce to

$$\begin{aligned} (r(t)w'(t))' + q(t)G(F^-(t + \tau - \sigma)) &\leq 0, \quad t \neq \tau_k, \quad k \in \mathbb{N}, \\ \Delta(r(\tau_k)w'(\tau_k)) + h(\tau_k)G(F^-(\tau_k + \tau - \sigma)) &\leq 0, \quad k \in \mathbb{N}, \end{aligned}$$

for  $t \geq t_4$ . Integrating the above impulsive system from  $t_4$  to  $+\infty$ , we obtain

$$\int_{t_4}^{\infty} q(\eta)G(F^-(\eta + \tau - \sigma))d\eta + \sum_{t_4 \leq \tau_k < \infty} h(\tau_k)G(F^-(\tau_k + \tau - \sigma)) < \infty$$

which contradicts (A<sub>9</sub>). With the later case, it follows that  $z(t) > F(t)$ . If  $z(t) < 0$ , then  $F(t) < 0$  which is absurd. Therefore,  $z(t) > 0$  and  $z(t) \leq y(t)$  for  $t \geq t_3 > t_2$ . In this case,  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} (r(t)w'(t))$  exists. Since,  $F^+(t) = \max\{F(t), 0\} < z(t) \leq y(t)$  for  $t \geq t_3$ , then (2.3) and (2.4) can be viewed as

$$\begin{aligned} (r(t)w'(t))' + q(t)G(F^+(t - \sigma)) &\leq 0, \quad t \neq \tau_k, \quad k \in \mathbb{N}, \\ \Delta(r(\tau_k)w'(\tau_k)) + h(\tau_k)G(F^+(\tau_k - \sigma)) &\leq 0, \quad k \in \mathbb{N}. \end{aligned}$$

Integrating the above impulsive system from  $t_3$  to  $+\infty$ , we get

$$\int_{t_3}^{\infty} q(\eta)G(F^+(\eta - \sigma))d\eta + \sum_{t_3 \leq \tau_k < \infty} h(\tau_k)G(F^+(\tau_k - \sigma)) < \infty$$

a contradiction to (A<sub>8</sub>). The case  $y(t) < 0$  for  $t \geq t_0$  is similar. Hence, the proof of the theorem is complete.

**Theorem 2.3.** Let  $-\infty < -b \leq p(t) \leq -1$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{R}_+$ ,  $b > 0$ . Assume that (A<sub>0</sub>), (A<sub>3</sub>)–(A<sub>5</sub>), (A<sub>8</sub>) and A<sub>10</sub>) hold. Furthermore, assume that

$$(A_{12}) \int_T^{\infty} q(\eta)G\left(\frac{1}{b}F^-(\eta + \tau - \sigma)\right)d\eta + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} h(\tau_k)G\left(\frac{1}{b}F^-(\tau_k + \tau - \sigma)\right) = \infty, \quad T > 0,$$

and

$$(A_{13}) \int_T^{\infty} q(\eta)G\left(\frac{1}{b}F^+(\eta + \tau - \sigma)\right)d\eta + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} h(\tau_k)G\left(\frac{1}{b}F^+(\tau_k + \tau - \sigma)\right) = \infty, \quad T > 0.$$

Then every bounded solution of (E) oscillates.

**Proof.** The proof of the theorem can be followed from the proof of the Theorem 2.2. Hence, the details are omitted.

In the following, we establish sufficient conditions for oscillation of all solution of (E) under the assumption that

$$(A_{14}) \int_0^{\infty} \frac{d\eta}{r(\eta)} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{r(\tau_k)} < \infty.$$

Let  $R(t) = \int_t^\infty \frac{d\eta}{r(\eta)}$ . Then  $\int_0^\infty \frac{d\eta}{r(\eta)} < \infty$  implies that  $R(t) \rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ , since  $R(t)$  is nonincreasing.

**Theorem 2.4.** *Let  $0 \leq p(t) \leq a < \infty$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{R}_+$ . Assume that  $(A_0) - (A_4)$ ,  $(A_6)$ ,  $(A_7)$  and  $(A_{14})$  hold. If*

$$(A_{15}) \int_T^\infty \frac{1}{r(\eta)} \left[ \int_{T_1}^\eta Q(\zeta)G(F^+(\zeta - \sigma))d\zeta + \sum_{k=1}^\infty H_k G(F^+(\tau_k - \sigma)) \right] d\eta = \infty, \quad T, T_1 > 0,$$

and

$$(A_{16}) \int_T^\infty \frac{1}{r(\eta)} \left[ \int_{T_1}^\eta Q(\zeta)G(F^-(\zeta - \sigma))d\zeta + \sum_{k=1}^\infty H_k G(F^-(\tau_k - \sigma)) \right] d\eta = \infty, \quad T, T_1 > 0,$$

hold, then every regular solution of (E) is oscillatory, where  $Q(t)$  and  $H_k$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , are defined in Theorem 2.1.

**Proof.** Let  $y(t)$  be a regular nonoscillatory solution of the impulsive system (E). Proceeding as in Theorem 2.1, we get (2.3) and (2.4) for  $t \geq t_1$ . In what follows,  $(r(t)w'(t))$  and  $w(t)$  are monotonic functions on  $[t_2, \infty)$ ,  $t_2 > t_1$ . Consider the case when  $(r(t)w'(t)) < 0$ ,  $w(t) > 0$  for  $t \geq t_2$ . Therefore, for  $s \geq t > t_2$ ,  $(r(s)w'(s)) \leq (r(t)w'(t))$  implies that  $w'(s) \leq \frac{r(t)w'(t)}{r(s)}$ , that is,

$$w(s) \leq w(t) + r(t)w'(t) \int_t^s \frac{d\theta}{r(\theta)}.$$

Since,  $(r(t)w'(t))$  is nonincreasing, then there exists a constant  $C > 0$  such that  $(r(t)w'(t)) \leq -C$  for  $t \geq t_2$ . As a result,  $w(s) \leq w(t) - C \int_t^s \frac{d\theta}{r(\theta)}$ . As  $s \rightarrow \infty$ , it follows that  $0 \leq w(t) - CR(t)$  for  $t \geq t_2$ . Clearly,  $w(\tau_k) \geq CR(\tau_k)$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Therefore,  $z(t) \geq F(t) + CR(t)$  implies that  $z(t) - CR(t) \geq F(t)$ . If  $z(t) - CR(t) < 0$ , then  $F(t) < 0$ , a contradiction. Hence,  $z(t) - CR(t) > 0$  and, hence,  $z(t) - CR(t) \geq F^+(t)$ , that is,  $z(t) \geq CR(t) + F^+(t) \geq F^+(t)$ . Also,  $z(\tau_k) \geq F^+(\tau_k)$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Consequently, (2.5) and (2.6) reduce to

$$\begin{aligned} (r(t)w'(t))' + G(a)(r(t - \tau)w'(t - \tau))' + \lambda Q(t)G(F^+(t - \sigma)) &\leq 0, \\ \Delta(r(\tau_k)w'(\tau_k)) + G(a)\Delta(r(\tau_k - \tau)w'(\tau_k - \tau)) + \lambda H_k G(F^+(\tau_k - \sigma)) &\leq 0 \end{aligned}$$

for  $t \geq t_3 > t_2$ ,  $t \neq \tau_k$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Integrating the above impulsive system from  $t_3$  to  $t (> t_3)$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} [r(\eta)w'(\eta)]_{t_3}^t + G(a)[r(\eta - \tau)w'(\eta - \tau)]_{t_3}^t - \sum_{t_3 \leq \tau_k < t} \Delta(r(\tau_k)w'(\tau_k)) - \\ - G(a) \sum_{t_3 \leq \tau_k < t} \Delta(r(\tau_k - \tau)w'(\tau_k - \tau)) + \lambda \int_{t_3}^t Q(\eta)G(F^+(\eta - \sigma))d\eta \leq 0, \end{aligned}$$

that is,

$$\lambda \left[ \int_{t_3}^t Q(\eta)G(F^+(\eta - \sigma))d\eta + \sum_{t_3 \leq \tau_k < t} H_k G(F^+(\tau_k - \sigma)) \right] \leq$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq -\left[ (r(\eta)w'(\eta)) + G(a)(r(\eta - \tau)w'(\eta - \tau)) \right]_{t_3}^t \leq \\ &\leq -\left[ (r(t)w'(t)) + G(a)(r(t - \tau)w'(t - \tau)) \right] \leq \\ &\leq -(1 + G(a))(r(t)w'(t)) \end{aligned}$$

implies that

$$\frac{\lambda}{(1 + G(a))} \frac{1}{r(t)} \left[ \int_{t_3}^t Q(\eta)G(F^+(\eta - \sigma))d\eta + \sum_{t_3 \leq \tau_k < t} H_k G(F^+(\tau_k - \sigma)) \right] \leq -w'(t).$$

Further integration of the above inequality, we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{\lambda}{(1 + G(a))} \int_{t_3}^u \frac{1}{r(\eta)} \left[ \int_{t_3}^{\eta} Q(\zeta)G(F^+(\zeta - \sigma))d\zeta + \sum_{t_3 \leq \tau_k < \eta} H_k G(F^+(\tau_k - \sigma)) \right] d\eta \leq \\ &\leq -[w(\eta)]_{t_3}^u + \sum_{t_3 \leq \tau_k < u} \Delta w(\tau_k) = \\ &= -[w(\eta)]_{t_3}^u + \sum_{t_3 \leq \tau_k < u} [w(\tau_k + 0) - w(\tau_k - 0)] \leq \\ &\leq w(t_3) + \sum_{t_3 \leq \tau_k < u} w(\tau_k + 0). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $w(t)$  is bounded and monotonic, then it follows that

$$\int_{t_3}^{\infty} \frac{1}{r(\eta)} \left[ \int_{t_3}^{\eta} Q(\zeta)G(F^+(\zeta - \sigma))d\zeta + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} H_k G(F^+(\tau_k - \sigma)) \right] d\eta < \infty,$$

a contradiction to (A<sub>15</sub>). The rest of the proof follows from the proof Theorem 2.1. Hence the proof of the theorem is complete.

**Theorem 2.5.** Let  $-1 \leq p(t) \leq 0$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{R}_+$ . Assume that (A<sub>0</sub>), (A<sub>3</sub>), (A<sub>4</sub>), (A<sub>8</sub>)–(A<sub>11</sub>) and (A<sub>14</sub>) hold. Furthermore, assume that

$$(A_{17}) \int_T^{\infty} \frac{1}{r(\eta)} \int_{T_1}^{\eta} q(\zeta)G(F^+(\zeta + \tau - \sigma))d\zeta d\eta + R(T) \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} h(\tau_k)G(F^+(\tau_k + \tau - \sigma)) = \infty;$$

$$(A_{18}) \int_T^{\infty} \frac{1}{r(\eta)} \int_{T_1}^{\eta} q(\zeta)G(F^-(\zeta + \tau - \sigma))d\zeta d\eta + R(T) \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} h(\tau_k)G(F^-(\tau_k + \tau - \sigma)) = \infty;$$

$$(A_{19}) \int_T^{\infty} \frac{1}{r(\eta)} \int_{T_1}^{\eta} q(\zeta)G(F^+(\zeta - \sigma))d\zeta d\eta + R(T) \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} h(\tau_k)G(F^+(\tau_k - \sigma)) = \infty$$

and

$$(A_{20}) \int_T^{\infty} \frac{1}{r(\eta)} \int_{T_1}^{\eta} q(\zeta)G(F^-(\zeta - \sigma))d\zeta d\eta + R(T) \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} h(\tau_k)G(F^-(\tau_k - \sigma)) = \infty,$$

where  $T, T_1 > 0$ . Then every regular solution of (E) oscillates.

**Proof.** For contrary, let  $y(t)$  be a regular nonoscillatory solution of (E). Then proceeding as in Theorem 2.2 we obtain that  $w(t)$  and  $(r(t)w'(t))$  are monotonic on  $[t_2, \infty)$ . If  $w(t) < 0$  and  $(r(t)w'(t)) < 0$  for  $t \geq t_3 > t_2$ , then we use the same type of argument as in Theorem 2.2 to get



that  $y(t)$  is bounded, that is,  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} w(t)$  exists. Clearly,  $z(t) < 0$  implies that  $-z(t) > -F(t)$  and thus  $-z(t) > F^-(t)$ . Therefore, for  $t \geq t_3$

$$-y(t - \tau) \leq p(t)y(t - \tau) \leq z(t) < -F^-(t).$$

Consequently,  $y(t - \sigma) > F^-(t + \tau - \sigma)$ ,  $t \geq t_4 > t_3$  and (2.3), (2.4) yield

$$\begin{aligned} (r(t)w'(t))' + q(t)G(F^-(t + \tau - \sigma)) &\leq 0, \quad t \neq \tau_k, \quad k \in \mathbb{N}, \\ \Delta(r(\tau_k)w'(\tau_k)) + h(\tau_k)G(F^-(\tau_k + \tau - \sigma)) &\leq 0, \quad k \in \mathbb{N}, \end{aligned}$$

for  $t \geq t_4$ . Integrating the preceding impulsive system from  $t_4$  to  $+\infty$ , we obtain

$$\int_{t_4}^{\infty} q(\eta)G(F^-(\eta + \tau - \sigma))d\eta + \sum_{t_4 \leq \tau_k < \infty} h(\tau_k)G(F^-(\tau_k + \tau - \sigma)) < -r(t)w'(t),$$

therefore

$$\frac{1}{r(t)} \left[ \int_{t_4}^{\infty} q(\eta)G(F^-(\eta + \tau - \sigma))d\eta + \sum_{t_4 \leq \tau_k < \infty} h(\tau_k)G(F^-(\tau_k + \tau - \sigma)) \right] < -w'(t).$$

Further integration of the last inequality we find

$$\int_{t_4}^{\infty} \frac{1}{r(\eta)} \left[ \int_{t_4}^{\infty} q(\zeta)G(F^-(\zeta + \tau - \sigma))d\zeta + \sum_{t_4 \leq \tau_k < \infty} h(\tau_k)G(F^-(\tau_k + \tau - \sigma)) \right] d\eta < \infty$$

which contradicts (A<sub>18</sub>). If  $w(t) > 0$  and  $(r(t)w'(t)) < 0$  for  $t \geq t_3$ , then following to Theorem 2.4 we find  $z(t) \geq F^+(t) + CR(t) \geq F^+(t)$  and  $z(t) > 0$ , that is,  $y(t) \geq F^+(t)$ . The rest of the proof can similarly be dealt with the proof of Theorem 2.2. Hence, the theorem is proved.

**Theorem 2.6.** *Let  $-\infty < -b \leq p(t) \leq -1$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{R}_+$ . Assume that (A<sub>0</sub>), (A<sub>3</sub>), (A<sub>4</sub>), (A<sub>8</sub>)–(A<sub>11</sub>), (A<sub>14</sub>), (A<sub>19</sub>) and (A<sub>20</sub>) hold. Furthermore, assume that*

$$(A_{21}) \int_T^{\infty} \frac{1}{r(\eta)} \int_{T_1}^{\eta} q(\zeta)G\left(\frac{1}{b}F^+(\zeta + \tau - \sigma)\right)d\zeta d\eta + R(T) \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} h(\tau_k)G\left(\frac{1}{b}F^+(\tau_k + \tau - \sigma)\right) = \infty$$

and

$$(A_{22}) \int_T^{\infty} \frac{1}{r(\eta)} \int_{T_1}^{\eta} q(\zeta)G\left(\frac{1}{b}F^-(\zeta + \tau - \sigma)\right)d\zeta d\eta + R(T) \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} h(\tau_k)G\left(\frac{1}{b}F^-(\tau_k + \tau - \sigma)\right) = \infty,$$

where  $T, T_1 > 0$ . Then every bounded solution of (E) oscillates.

**Proof.** The proof of the theorem can be followed from the proof of the Theorem 2.5. Hence, the details are omitted.

**3. Sufficient conditions for nonoscillation.** This section deals with the necessary conditions for oscillation to show that the impulsive system (E) admits a positive bounded solution for various ranges of  $p(t)$ .

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $p \in C(\mathbb{R}_+, [-1, 0])$  and assume that  $(A_0)$  hold. If

$$(A_{23}) \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{r(\eta)} \left[ \int_\eta^\infty q(\zeta) d\zeta + \sum_{k=1}^\infty h(\tau_k) \right] d\eta < \infty,$$

then the system (E) admits a positive bounded solution.

**Proof.** (i) Let  $-1 < -b \leq p(t) \leq 0$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{R}_+$ , and  $b > 0$ . Due to  $(A_{23})$ , it is possible to find a  $T > \rho$  such that

$$\int_T^t \frac{1}{r(\eta)} \left[ \int_\eta^\infty q(\zeta) d\zeta + \sum_{k=1}^\infty h(\tau_k) \right] d\eta < \frac{1-b}{10G(1)}.$$

We consider the set

$$M = \left\{ y : y \in C([T - \rho, +\infty), \mathbb{R}), y(t) = 0 \text{ for } t \in [T - \rho, T] \text{ and } \frac{1-b}{20} \leq y(t) \leq 1 \right\}$$

and define  $\Phi : M \rightarrow C([T - \rho, +\infty), \mathbb{R})$  by the formula

$$(\Phi y)(t) = \begin{cases} 0, & t \in [T - \rho, T), \\ -p(t)y(t - \tau) + \int_T^t \frac{1}{r(\eta)} \left[ \int_\eta^\infty q(\zeta) G(y(\zeta - \sigma)) d\zeta + \sum_{k=1}^\infty h(\tau_k) G(y(\tau_k - \sigma)) \right] d\eta + F(t) + \frac{1-b}{10}, & t \geq T, \end{cases}$$

where  $F(t)$  be such that  $|F(t)| \leq \frac{1-b}{20}$ . For every  $y \in M$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} (\Phi y)(t) &\leq -p(t)y(t - \tau) + G(1) \int_T^t \frac{1}{r(\eta)} \left[ \int_\eta^\infty q(\zeta) d\zeta + \sum_{k=1}^\infty h(\tau_k) \right] d\eta + \frac{1-b}{20} + \frac{1-b}{10} \leq \\ &\leq b + \frac{1-b}{10} + \frac{1-b}{20} + \frac{1-b}{10} \leq \frac{1+3b}{4} < 1, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$(\Phi y)(t) \geq F(t) + \frac{1-b}{10} \leq -\frac{1-b}{20} + \frac{1-b}{10} = \frac{1-b}{20}$$

implies that  $(\Phi y)(t) \in M$ . Define  $u_n : [T - \rho, +\infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by the recursive formula

$$u_n(t) = (\Phi u_{n-1})(t), \quad n \geq 1,$$

with the initial condition

$$u_0(t) = \begin{cases} 0, & t \in [T - \rho, T), \\ \frac{1-p}{20}, & t \geq T. \end{cases}$$

Inductively it is easy to verify that

$$\frac{1 - b}{20} \leq u_{n-1}(t) \leq u_n(t) \leq 1$$

for  $t \geq T$ . Therefore for  $t \geq T - \rho$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n(t)$  exists. Let  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n(t) = u(t)$  for  $t \geq T - \rho$ . By the Lebesgue's dominated convergence theorem  $u \in M$  and  $(\Phi u)(t) = u(t)$ , where  $u(t)$  is a solution of the impulsive system (E) on  $[T - \rho, \infty)$  such that  $u(t) > 0$ . Hence, (A<sub>18</sub>) is necessary.

(ii) If  $p(t) \equiv -1$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{R}_+$ , we choose  $-1 < p_0 < 0$  such that  $p_0 \neq -\frac{1}{2}$ . In this case, we can apply the above method. Here, we note that

$$\int_T^t \frac{1}{r(\eta)} \left[ \int_\eta^\infty q(\zeta) d\zeta + \sum_{k=1}^\infty h(\tau_k) \right] d\eta < \frac{1 + 2p_0}{10G(-p_0)} \quad \text{and} \quad -\frac{1 + 2p_0}{40} \leq F(t) \leq \frac{1 + 2p_0}{20}.$$

We set

$$M = \left\{ y : y \in C([T - \rho, +\infty), \mathbb{R}), y(t) = 0 \text{ for } t \in [T - \rho, T] \text{ and } \frac{7 + 2p_0}{40} \leq y(t) \leq -p_0 \right\}.$$

Also, we define  $\Phi : M \rightarrow C([T - \rho, +\infty), \mathbb{R})$  by

$$(\Phi y)(t) = \begin{cases} 0, & t \in [T - \rho, T), \\ y(t - \tau) + \int_T^t \frac{1}{r(\eta)} \left[ \int_\eta^\infty q(\zeta) G(y(\zeta - \sigma)) d\zeta + \sum_{k=1}^\infty h(\tau_k) G(y(\tau_k - \sigma)) \right] d\eta + F(t) + \frac{2 + p_0}{10}, & t \geq T. \end{cases}$$

This completes the proof of the theorem.

**Theorem 3.2.** Let  $p \in C[\mathbb{R}_+, [0, 1]]$ . Let  $G$  be Lipchitzian on the interval of the form  $[a, b]$ ,  $0 < a < b < \infty$ . If (A<sub>0</sub>) and (A<sub>23</sub>) hold, then the impulsive system (E) admits a positive bounded solution.

**Proof.** Let  $0 \leq p(t) \leq a < 1$ . It is possible to find  $t_1 > 0$  such that

$$\int_{t_1}^\infty \frac{1}{r(\eta)} \left[ \int_\eta^\infty q(\zeta) d\zeta + \sum_{k=1}^\infty h(\tau_k) \right] d\eta < \frac{1 - a}{5K},$$

where  $K = \max\{K_1, G(1)\}$ ,  $K_1$  is the Lipschitz constant on  $\left[\frac{3}{5}(1 - a), 1\right]$ . Let  $F(t)$  be such that  $|F(t)| < \frac{1 - a}{10}$  for  $t \geq t_2$ . For  $t_3 > \max\{t_1, t_2\}$ , we set  $X = BC([T, \infty), \mathbb{R})$ , the space of real valued continuous functions on  $[t_3, \infty)$ . Clearly,  $X$  is a Banach space with respect to sup norm defined by

$$\|x\| = \sup \{|x(t)| : t \geq t_3\}.$$

Let's define

$$S = \left\{ u \in X : \frac{3}{5}(1 - a) \leq u(t) \leq 1, t \geq t_3 \right\}.$$

We notice that  $S$  is a closed and convex subspace of  $X$ . Let  $\Phi : S \rightarrow S$  be such that

$$(\Phi y)(t) = \begin{cases} (\Phi y)(t_3 + \rho), & t \in [t_3, t_3 + \rho], \\ -p(t)y(t - \tau) + \frac{9+a}{10} + F(t) \\ - \int_t^\infty \frac{1}{r(\eta)} \left[ \int_\eta^\infty q(\zeta)G(y(\zeta - \sigma)) d\zeta + \right. \\ \left. + \sum_{k=1}^\infty h(\tau_k)G(y(\tau_k - \sigma)) \right] d\eta, & t \geq t_3 + \rho. \end{cases}$$

For every  $y \in X$ ,  $(\Phi y)(t) \leq F(t) + \frac{9+a}{10} \leq 1$  and

$$\begin{aligned} (\Phi y)(t) &\geq -p(t)y(t - \tau) - G(1) \int_t^\infty \frac{1}{r(\eta)} \left[ \int_\eta^\infty q(\zeta)d\zeta + \sum_{k=1}^\infty h(\tau_k) \right] d\eta + F(t) + \frac{9+a}{10} \geq \\ &\geq -a - \frac{1-a}{5} - \frac{1-a}{10} + \frac{9+a}{10} = \frac{3}{5}(1-a) \end{aligned}$$

implies that  $(\Phi y) \in S$ . Now for  $y_1$  and  $y_2 \in S$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} |(\Phi y_1)(t) - (\Phi y_2)(t)| &\leq a|y_1(t - \tau) - y_2(t - \tau)| + \\ &+ \int_t^\infty \frac{1}{r(\eta)} \left[ \int_\eta^\infty q(\zeta) |G(y_1(\zeta - \sigma)) - G(y_2(\zeta - \sigma))| d\zeta + \right. \\ &\left. + \sum_{k=1}^\infty h(\tau_k) |G(y_1(\tau_k - \sigma)) - G(y_2(\tau_k - \sigma))| \right] d\eta, \end{aligned}$$

that is,

$$\begin{aligned} |(\Phi y_1)(t) - (\Phi y_2)(t)| &\leq \\ &\leq a\|y_1 - y_2\| + \|y_1 - y_2\| K_1 \int_t^\infty \frac{1}{r(\eta)} \left[ \int_\eta^\infty q(\zeta)d\zeta + \sum_{k=1}^\infty h(\tau_k) \right] d\eta \leq \\ &\leq \left( a + \frac{1-a}{5} \right) \|y_1 - y_2\| = \frac{4a+1}{5} \|y_1 - y_2\|. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $\|(\Phi y_1) - (\Phi y_2)\| \leq \frac{4a+1}{5} \|y_1 - y_2\|$  implies that  $\Phi$  is a contraction. By using Banach’s fixed point theorem, it follows that  $\Phi$  has a unique fixed point  $y(t)$  in  $\left[ \frac{3}{5}(1-a), 1 \right]$ . Hence,  $(\Phi y) = y$  and the proof of the theorem is complete.

**Remark 3.1.** We can not apply Lebesgue’s dominated convergence theorem for other ranges of  $p(t)$ , except  $-1 \leq p(t) \leq 0$  due to the technical difficulties arising in the method. However, we can apply Banach’s fixed point theorem to other ranges of  $p(t)$  similar to Theorem 3.2.

**4. Discussion and example.** In this work, we have undertaken the problem and established the sufficient conditions for oscillation and nonoscillation of solutions of the impulsive system (E). However, we failed to establish the necessary and sufficient conditions for oscillation of all solutions of the system (E). It seems that some other method may require to establish the necessary and sufficient conditions for oscillation.

**Open Problem:** In this work, we have seen that  $(A_6)$ – $(A_{13})$  and  $(A_{15})$ – $(A_{23})$  are the sufficient conditions for oscillation of all solutions of (E) in which we are depending explicitly on the forcing function. However, we are locked with the forcing function in  $(A_{23})$  to establish the existence of nonoscillatory solutions of (E). In contrast to  $(A_{23})$ , can we find the sufficient condition for oscillation of solutions of (E) in the format of

$$(A_{24}) \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{r(\eta)} \left[ \int_\eta^\infty q(\zeta) d\zeta + \sum_{k=1}^\infty h(\tau_k) \right] d\eta = \infty.$$

Indeed, this format could be more feasible not only for (E), but also for its homogeneous counterpart. We conclude this section with the following example to illustrate our main result:

**Example 4.1.** Consider the impulsive system

$$\begin{cases} (y(t) + y(t - \pi))'' + y\left(t - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \cos\left(t - \frac{\pi}{4}\right), & t > \frac{\pi}{4}, \\ \Delta(y(\tau_k) + y(\tau_k - \pi))' + h(\tau_k)y\left(\tau_k - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) = 2 \sin(h) \cos\left(k - \frac{\pi}{4}\right), \end{cases} \quad (E_5)$$

where

$$h(\tau_k) = \frac{2}{1 + \cot(h)}, \quad \tau_k = k, \quad k \in \mathbb{N}, \quad G(u) = u, \quad f(t) = \cos\left(t - \frac{\pi}{4}\right).$$

Indeed, if we choose  $F(t) = -\cos\left(t - \frac{\pi}{4}\right)$ , then  $(r(t)F'(t))' = F''(t) = f(t)$  and

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta(r(\tau_k)F'(\tau_k)) &= F'(\tau_k + h) - F'(\tau_k - h) = \\ &= F'(k + h) - F'(k - h) = \\ &= \sqrt{2} \sin(h)(\sin(k) + \cos(k)) = g(\tau_k), \quad k \in \mathbb{N}. \end{aligned}$$

Clearly,

$$F^+(t) = \begin{cases} -\cos\left(t - \frac{\pi}{4}\right), & 2n\pi + \frac{3\pi}{4} \leq t \leq 2n\pi + \frac{7\pi}{4}, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

and

$$F^-(t) = \begin{cases} \cos\left(t - \frac{\pi}{4}\right), & 2n\pi + \frac{7\pi}{4} \leq t \leq 2n\pi + \frac{11\pi}{4}, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

implies that

$$F^+\left(t - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \begin{cases} -\sin(t), & 2n\pi + \pi \leq t \leq 2n\pi + 2\pi, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

and

$$F^-\left(t - \frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \begin{cases} \sin(t), & 2n\pi + 2\pi \leq t \leq 2n\pi + 3\pi, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Since

$$\int_{\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\infty} F^+\left(\eta - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) d\eta = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int_{2n\pi+\pi}^{2n\pi+2\pi} [-\sin(\eta)] d\eta = \infty,$$

then for  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ , we get

$$\int_{\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\infty} F^+\left(\eta - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) d\eta + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{2}{1 + \cot(h)}\right) F^+\left(k - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \infty.$$

Clearly,  $(A_1)$ – $(A_7)$  are satisfied. Hence, by Theorem 2.1 every solution of  $(E_5)$  is oscillatory.

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